Inferior quality of commodities supplied through FPS in Delhi and Haryana

3317. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the quality of essential commodities sugar, rice, wheat, etc. being supplied through Fair Price Shops are not good in Delhi and Haryana;

(b) if so, the reasons and details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take effective steps in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (d) The essential commodities allocated by the Central Government to the States/UTs for distribution under Public Distribution System conform to prescribed specifications. However, if there are any specific instances of complaints by State Govts/UT Admn., these are looked into.

Recently FCI received one complaint regarding quality in respect of rice supplied in Haryana, and a few complaints regarding wheat supplied in Delhi, on which suitable actions were taken.

The responsibility of further distribution of PDS commodities to fair price shops lies with the State Govt./UT Administrations concerned.

Doordarshan facilities in the villages

3318. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there are a number of villages in the country where Doordarshan facilities have not since been provided;

(b) if so, the names of such villages Statewise ; and

(c) by when Doordarshan facilities are likely to be provided/started in each part of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K. K. TEWARY) : (a) to (c) Whereas TV service is at present available to 70% of rural population of the country spread over 3,43,743 villages, an additional 86,505 villages are expected to be brought under TV coverage on completion of the various Seventh Plan schemes. TV service is then expected to be available to about 81% of the rural population of the country, leaving about 1.50 lakh villages uncovered. Extension of TV service to the uncovered parts of the country can be carried out in a phased manner depending upon the availability of resources for this purpose in the future plans of TV expansion.

Earning through advertisements

3319. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Doordarshan has earned a huge amount by way of advertisements;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the estimated amount earned by Delhi Doordarshan from each